

**Veterans Affairs Committee**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 22, 2016**

PRESENT: R. Farrington, J. Sterry, T. Dickerson, R. Cote, P. DeRing

ABSENT: K. Burke, W. Petras, F. Hutchings, W. Willinsky

OTHERS PRESENT: None

**1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Secretary T. Dickerson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:37 PM at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut. Chairman W. Willinsky passed on that he would be unable to attend.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY**

**3. ACCEPT AGENDA**

Agenda accepted by unanimous vote.

**4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES**

R. Farrington made a motion, seconded by J. Sterry, to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting. All were in favor.

**5. Secretary's Report**

Nothing to pass.

**6. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT (J. Sterry)**

VSO has one case that he has just started working on. He provided the application to the veteran. Once completed, he will personally deliver it to the offices in Hartford to be processed.

A general discussion was held so the members could learn what types of assistance might be available to veterans from the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund. J. Sterry provided the following from what he has seen:

100 gallons of oil – Once per year

\$200 clothing allowance – Once every 2 years

\$100 food allowance – Once per year.

**7. VETERANS BENEFITS & INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT (P. DeRing)**

Nothing new to pass. P. DeRing said he will send the revised one-sheet read of important numbers to T. Dickerson so it can be posted on the Portland website as had been recommended last month.

**8. COMMISSION ADVISOR'S REPORT (R. Farrington)**

As part of the town of Portland's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there will be a parade on September 10, 2016. Please start letting our veterans know that we will be providing a color guard and would like them to participate.

J. Sterry mentioned that when they had the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, they made coins with the 125<sup>th</sup> logo on them to sell.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

T. Dickerson said that he checked the Portland website and there are some minutes from prior meetings missing. He will try to get the missing ones posted on the website.

T. Dickerson said that the VAC position titles have been corrected on the website.

T. Dickerson said that he had no information on if a thank you letter had been sent out to the Daughters of the American Revolution for providing a wreath on Veteran's day.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

Portland's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Car Show on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-9PM at Saint Mary's Church.

**11. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

R. Cote made a motion, seconded by J. Sterry to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>. 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Dickerson

Recording Secretary